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WASHINGTON, November 17, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 12 totaled an estimated 19.9 billion ton-miles, up 2.5 percent from the 19.4 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 867.5 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended November 12 totaled 445,196, up 2.7 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but down 2.5 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 2.0 percent in the East and 3.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings increased by 6,111 cars (4.9 percent), and chemicals and allied products were up 2,270 cars (8.7 percent). Grain decreased by 3,311 cars (10.9 percent). Fourteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended November 5 totaled 124,071 trailers and/or containers, up 6.4 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of the year was 4,907,187 trailers and/or containers, up 5.8 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/12/88:

	Loadings in Week ended <u>November 12, 1988</u>			Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	27,039	D		3,311	10.9	D	4,263	13.6	
Other farm products	3,766	D		130	3.3	I	572	17.9	
Metallic ores	21,103	I		1,541	7.9	D	2,343	10.0	
Coal	131,263	I		6,111	4.9	I	119	0.09	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,312	I		936	5.7	D	1,102	6.0	
Nonmetallic minerals	9,888	D		164	1.6	D	266	2.6	
Grain mill products	10,794	D		558	4.9	D	306	2.8	
Food and kindred products	11,323	D		395	3.4	D	621	5.2	
Primary forest products	9,839	D		318	3.1	I	224	2.3	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,144	D		730	9.3	D	114	1.6	
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,163	D		601	5.1	D	516	4.4	
Chemicals and allied products	28,251	I		2,270	8.7	D	231	0.8	
Petroleum products	5,142	I		22	0.4	D	78	1.5	
Stone, clay and glass products	11,183	D		54	0.5	D	307	2.7	
Coke	5,699	I		451	8.6	I	104	1.9	
Metals and products	9,935	D		176	1.7	I	88	0.9	
Motor vehicles and equipment	24,162	I		2,447	11.3	I	898	3.9	
Waste and scrap materials	9,665	D		440	4.4	D	121	1.2	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,291	D		502	18.0	D	294	11.4	
All other carloads	88,234	I		5,204	6.3	D	2,876	3.2	
Total Cars Loaded	445,196	I		11,603	2.7	D	11,433	2.5	

Corresponding week of 1987 433,593

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>	
Total Cars Loaded (45 weeks)	19,248,031	18,426,910	I	4.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
44 weeks ended November 5	847.6	797.7	I	6.3
Week ended November 12	<u>19.9</u>	<u>19.4</u>	I	<u>2.5</u>
45 Weeks cumulative	867.5	817.1	I	6.2

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